

CPAC MEETING

May 21, 2003

In Attendance:

Jennifer Barber, CPAC Chair; Susan Cycyk, Director DSCYF; Allan DeJong, MD, A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children; Peter Feliceangeli, Deputy Attorney General; Carlyse Giddins, Director DFS; John Humphrey, Executive Director The Children's Advocacy Center; Pamela Maier, State Representative; Janice Mink, Co-Chair Grassroots Citizens for Children; Patricia Stewart, Commissioner Family Court; Roger Blevins, Child Placement Review Board; Mary Ball Morton, OCM Administrator DSCYF; Tania Culley, Child Advocate; Joseph Smack, Executive Assistant DFS; Candace Charkow, Administrator DFS; Laura Miles, DSCYF; Trish Hearn, DSCYF; Anne Pedrick, Program Administrator OCA; Wendy Gerlach, OCA

CPAC Chair Jennifer Barber called legislative meeting to order

Packets distributed. Covers legislation already considered by CPAC and any new proposed bills.

HB66 – Senator Blevins will attempt to have provisions of SB14 included regarding retroactive action. CPAC votes to support HB66 with or without amendment

SB15 was signed which bans corporal punishment in schools.

HB84 - Interstate Compact – Will go into effect once 35 states have approved. Finance will be a concern. Staffing will be an issue.

HB 136 – Discussions about the provisions of this bill. Vote was to reserve decision and voice specific questions and concerns to sponsors.

HB 139 – Discussions about the provisions of this bill. Bill will likely remain tabled until January. Vote was to reserve decision and review bill in fall.

De Facto Custody/Guardianship – potential legislation out there that Rep. Maier may be working on. Grandparent activist groups advocating for de facto parenting. There are a few states that already have this legislation. Standby guardianship was also mentioned.

SB 70 – CPAC votes to support

Upcoming Bills

Child Witnesses – expanding interviews of children in chambers in civil proceedings.

Independent Living Advisory Board - looking at extending jurisdiction of Family Court beyond age 18 for children in foster care. Working with the Children's Department on this issue.

HB 149 – steal a car -- mandatory 7-day incarceration.

HB 174 – admissions to Stockley Center for juveniles. Asking for an amendment.

Minutes were reviewed: one change made and accepted.

OVERHIRES: Request was made for update of over hire situation. 13 over hire positions. Approved to hire 8 over hire positions. Hope to have those positions filled early June. Should start taking cases August, full caseload after 6 months.
New Castle County – 3 permanent positions vacant

Sex Offender Task Force being created to implement suggestions from last task force.

CAC Dover Center is up and running. Interviews have been taking place. Working on Georgetown site.

Meeting Adjourned.